FORD CLEARED;

JURY IN FAMOUS LIBEL SUIT FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF AND DECLARES TRIBUNE GUILTY.

DELIBERATE TEN HOURS

Farmer Jury Which Has Spent Three Months in Court Is Out Ten Hours and Then Finds Paper Guilty of Libel.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.-Henry Ford is not an anarchist!

A jury of 12 farmers have said so by their verdict, in which they found The Chicago Tribune guilty of libel when it attached that stigma to the name of the great manufacturer.

"We find the Chicago Tribune guilty and attach a verdict of six cents."

This sentence from the foreman of the jury which for three months has listened to the most famous case of its kind in history and which debated more than 10 hours before it arrived at its conclusion, were the lines of the final act in the dramatic event which has attracted the attention of the entire country.

Henry Ford himself was not in court to share in the triumph. He was in the New Hampshire woods with his friends, Thomas Edison and John Burroughs, Judge Alfred J. Murphy of Mr. Ford's counsel made a formal statement for his principal:

"Ford Is Vindicated."

"The important issue has been determined," said Judge Murphy. "Money damages were not sought by Mr. Ford. He stands not only vindicated but his



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attitude as an American citizen has been justified after a trial which raised every issue against him that ingenuity and research could invent."

Outside the courthouse crowds had gathered during the evening hours to await news of the jury which had been closeted in conference since morning. As the courtroom emptied after the announcement of the verdict and the news of the decision rendered spread, cheer after cheer broke forth and a band, returning from a picnic, stopped to add its brass notes to the din.

There was a tense moment when the jurors filed into the box for the last time. Their foreman, in a voice shaking with the emotions of the moment, spoke in such a low tone that he could scarcely be heard. The clerk read back the formal verdict:

"You do say upon your oath that the said defendant The Tribune company, is guilty in the manner and form as the said plaintiff hath in his declaration in this case complained against him and you assess the damages of the said plaintiff on occasion of the premises over and above his costs and charges by him about this suit and in his behalf expended, at the sum of six cents damages."

The editorial in which The Tribune attacked Henry Ford and branded him as an anarchist was printed in 1916. The case has been fought through several courts on one point or another ever since, finally arriving through a change of venue asked by The Tribune in Mt. Clemens.

The charge which Judge Tucker made to the jury dealt mainly with the laws of libel and contained among

others, the following points: "The Tribune claims that they carefully inquired as to what Mr. Ford's attitude was going to be as to the care of his men who joined the national guard and that they based the editorial characterizing him as an anarchist on that information. They admit the publication and insist that it was true and therefore justified; and that even if not true it was fair comment upon a matter of public interest, either of which defenses are sufficient if proven true. The burden, however, is upon the defense when they attempt to make either of the defenses mentioned. They must establish either the truth of the charge they made, or that it was fair comment within the meaning of that term.

"A newspaper has the same right as an individual to its opinions and convictions-no more and no less."

The court further informed the jury that if they found that the charge was untrue they must find for the plaintiff. He declared that there was nothing ambiguous about the editorial. It called Mr. Ford an anarchist and the only way the defendant could escape being found guilty of libel was to prove that charge. He said further that the jury must accept the popular conception of the meaning of the term "anarchist."

Counsel for The Chicago Tribune made no effort to appeal the case and accepted the verdict as it stood.



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Order of Publication. State of Missouri, ss. County of Iron.

In the Circuit Court, October Term,

Ruth K. Collins, plaintiff,

Hartford F. Collins, defendant. The State of Missouri to the above named defendant-Greeting; You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the County of Iron, in the State of Missouri, for the purpose of being divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted on the 12th day of October, 1910, and for the care and custody of the minor child of said plaintiff and defendant, in accordance with petition filed by plaintiff August 7th, 1919, alleging de-

ertion for the grounds for divorce; Which said action is returnable on the first day of the next term of said court to be held at the courthouse in the City of Ironton, in the County of Iron, and State aforesaid, on the 6th day of October, 1919, when and where you may appear and defend such ac-tion; otherwise plaintiff's petition will be taken as confessed and judgment

rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a newspaper published in said County of Iron, for four weeks successively published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next Octo-ber term of this court.

J. M. HAWKINS, Circuit Clerk. A true copy from the record:
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